

## Moran Names 2007 Service Academy Selection Board

### *Interviews of U.S. Service Academy Candidates Planned for October 6*

ABILENE - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the 2007 First District Service Academy Selection Board. The 16-member board reviews applications and interviews candidates who are applying for admission to U.S. Service Academies. These include the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

"I am always impressed by the quality of character and level of intelligence of the young people who want to attend a military academy and devote a large part of their life in service to our nation," Moran said. "The men and women who make up this year's Service Academy Selection Board will meet with many outstanding young Kansans."

The board will meet to interview candidates on Saturday, October 6 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene. Following interviews, the board will make recommendations to Moran for his final decision. The members of the 2007 First District Service Academy Selection Board are:

- **Dr. Mace Braxton of Salina**; Salina Regional Health Center Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeon; U.S. Military Academy Graduate
- **Jean Clifford of Garden City**; U.S. Air Force Reserves Judge Advocate
- **DeLany Fawkes of Liberal**; Southwest Medical Center Vice President/CFO; U.S. Naval Academy Graduate
- **Donna Graham of McPherson**; Former Kansas VFW Auxiliary District President and Voice of Democracy Chairperson

- **Steve Harmon of Emporia**; Director of Business and Industry Center, Flint Hills Technical College; Army National Guard
- **Karesa Harrison of Great Bend**; Farmers Bank Vice President
- **Rita Hauck of Hays**; Fort Hays State University Associate Professor of Technology Studies; Mother of U.S. Air Force Academy graduates
- **Mike Junk of Salina**; President of Crestwood Inc.; U.S. Air Force Academy Graduate
- **Dr. Kate Lehner of Junction City**; Geary Community Hospital Pharmacy Director; Mother of U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman
- **Ron Lucas of Goodland**; Owner/Manager of Goodland Greenline, Inc.; U.S. Army
- **Christopher Orwoll of Hutchinson**; Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center President and CEO; U.S. Naval Academy Graduate
- **Bekki Pribil of Pratt**; Community Volunteer; U.S. Air Force Reserves
- **Paula Ripple of Dodge City**; Dodge City High School English Instructor; Mother of U.S. Air Force Academy Graduate
- **Richard Schwartz of Marion**; Retired Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
- **Ron Whitney of Emporia**; Mussatto Brothers, Inc. Sales Manager; U.S. Army
- **Tobias Wood of Marysville**; USD 364 Music Director; 312th Army Band, U.S. Army Reserves

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